

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1004, to authorize funds for the United States Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1048, to authorize funds for certain programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the Committee, the amendment authorizes \$13.8 billion for fiscal year 1996.);

An original bill authorizing funds for Amtrak and for local rail revitalization programs;

S. 187, to provide for the safety of journeymen boxers;

S. 981, to preserve Congressional involvement with regard to Federal regulations on truck trailer length issues pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement;

S. 583, to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessels *Resolution* and *Perseverance*;

S. 653, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Aura*;

S. 654, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Sunrise*;

S. 655, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Marantha*;

S. 656, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Quietly*;

S. 680, to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Yes Dear*;

S. 739, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Sisu*;

S. 763, to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Evening Star*;

S. 802, to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Royal Affaire*;

S. 808, to extend the deadline for the conversion of the vessel *M/V Twin Drill*;

S. 826, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Prime Time*;

S. 869, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Dragonessa*;

S. 889, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Wolf Gang II*;

S. 911, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for the vessel *Sea Mistress*;

S. 975, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Jajo*;

S. 1016, to issue a certificate of documentation with the appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Magic Carpet*;

S. 1017, to issue a certificate of documentation with the appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Chrissy*;

S. 1040, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Onrust*;

S. 1041, to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Explorer*;

S. 1046, to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsements for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for fourteen former U.S. Army hovercrafts;

S. 1047, to issue certificates of documentation and coastwise trade endorsements for the vessels *Enchanted Isles* and *Enchanted Seas*; and

The nominations of Roberta L. Gross, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Vera Alexander, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Robert Clarke Brown, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

Also, committee began markup of S. 387, to encourage enhanced State and Federal efforts to reduce traffic deaths and injuries and improve traffic safety among high-risk drivers, but did not complete consideration thereon, and recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries and Wildlife resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Endangered Species Act, focusing on the recovery, delisting and downlisting provisions and the international effects of the Endangered Species Act, receiving testimony from Mollie Beattie, Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior;

Rolland A. Schmitt, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Allan L. Egbert, Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, Tallahassee, on behalf of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; J. Michael Scott, National Biological Service, Moscow, Idaho; Robert J. Taylor, California Forestry Association, and John A. Lambeth, Hodgson Company, on behalf of the Fairy Shrimp Study Group, both of Sacramento, California; David Langhorst, Idaho Wildlife Federation, Ketchum, on behalf of the National Wildlife Federation; Robert J. Wiese, American Zoo and Aquarium Association, Bethesda, Maryland; Jeff Cilek, Peregrine Fund, Boise, Idaho; John W. Grandy, Humane Society of the United States, and Ginette Hemley, World Wildlife Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Gerhardus J. Hanekom, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Republic of Namibia; and Stephen Kasere, South African National Parks Board, Republic of South Africa, on behalf of the CAMPFIRE Association of Zimbabwe.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine Medicare payment policies, focusing on Medicare services' rapid growth in spending, including home health care, skilled nursing, rehabilitation hospitals and clinical laboratories, receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Aitchison, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, Inc., West Orange, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Rehabilitation Association; Phillip I. Hoffman, Outreach Health Services, Austin, Texas, on behalf of the Home Health Services and Staffing Association; and David N. Sundwall, American Clinical Laboratory Association, and Paul Willging, American Health Care Association, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTERNATIONAL POPULATION STABILIZATION

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy held hearings on certain provisions of S. 1029, to establish and strengthen policies and programs for the early stabilization of world population through the global expansion of reproductive choice, receiving testimony from Representatives Beilenson and Morella; Dawn Liberi, Associate Assistant Administrator, Center for Population, Health and Nutrition, Agency for International Development; Jose Gomez de Leon Cruces, National Population Council, Republic of Mexico; Victoria Markell, Population Action International, and Sheldon Richman, Cato Institute, both of Washington,

D.C.; and Mercedes Wilson, Family of the Americas, Dunkirk, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David W. Burke, of New York, Tom C. Korologos, of Virginia, Bette Bao Lord, of New York, Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, Alberto J. Mora, of Florida, Cheryl F. Halpern, of New Jersey, Marc B. Nathanson, of California, and Carl Spielvogel, of New York, each to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NIGERIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs held hearings to examine the current situation in Nigeria, receiving testimony from George E. Moose, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Jane Becker, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Peter Lewis, American University, and Randall Robinson, TransAfrica, both of Washington, D.C.; and Kenneth Roth, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of James L. Dennis, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit;

S.J. Res. 31, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to grant Congress and the States the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; and

S. Res. 103, to proclaim the week of October 15 through October 21, 1995, as National Character Counts Week.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 673, to establish a youth development grant program, with amendments;

S. 1044, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize provisions relating to health centers, with amendments; and

The nominations of Mary S. Furlong, of California, to be a Member of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Richard J. Stern, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and

the Humanities, and Lynne C. Waihee, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board.

AUTHORIZATION—NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the National Organ Transplant Act, and to examine the Federal Government's role in the oversight and funding of solid organ and unrelated donor marrow transplantation, after receiving testimony from Representatives Bill Young and Tony Hall; Ciro V. Sumaya, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Margaret D. Allen, University of Washington Hospital, on behalf of the United Network for Organ Sharing, and Frederick R. Applebaum, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, both of Seattle, Washington; Charles F. Shield, III, Wichita Surgical Specialists, Wichita, Kansas, on behalf of the National Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network; Dean F. Kappel, Mid-America Transplant As-

sociation, St. Louis, Missouri, on behalf of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations; John J. Fung, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Craig J. Irwin, National Transplant Action, Washington, D.C.; Craig W.S. Howe, National Marrow Donor Program, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Joan A. Keller, American Bone Marrow Donor Registry, Mandeville, Louisiana; and Samuel Gross, University of Florida, Winter Park, on behalf of the Leukemia Society of America, Inc.

WHITEWATER MATTERS

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee continued hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, receiving testimony from Sergeant Cheryl A. Braun, Detective John Rolla, and Major Robert Hines, all of the United States Park Police, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 25.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H.R. 2077–2089; and two resolutions, H. Con. Res. 84–85 were introduced.

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Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: Reported entitled "Report on the revised Subdivision of Budget Totals for fiscal year 1996" (H. Rept. 104–197).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, Resources, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Select Intelligence.

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United States Policy Toward China: By a ye-and-nay vote 416 yeas to 10 nays, with 1 voting

"present," Roll No. 536, the House passed H.R. 2058, establishing United States policy toward China.

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MFN Treatment to Products of the People's Republic of China: By a ye-and-nay vote of 321 yeas to 120 nays, Roll No. 537, the House laid on the table H.J. Res. 96, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China.

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H. Res. 193, the rule under which H.R. 2058 and the joint resolution was considered, were agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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Agriculture Appropriations: House continued consideration of H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996; but came to no resolution thereon. Proceedings under the 5-minute rule will resume on Friday, July 21.

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When the Committee of the Whole rose, votes had been postponed on the following amendments until Friday, July 21: